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For: OPTICAL AND IMAGE SENSOR SUBASSEMBLY ALIGNMENT AND MOUNTING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 17, 2001, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 13, 26, and 32 as follows:

All claims have been recreated for the convenience of the Examiner.

- 1 1. (Amended) A method for mounting an optical subassembly of an optical reading
2 device to an image sensor subassembly of an optical reading device, said method comprising
3 the steps of:
4 moving said optical subassembly and said image sensor subassembly in proximity
5 with one another; and
6 without a substantially rigid component part of said image sensor assembly being
7 substantially benched in either of an x or y direction against a substantially rigid component
8 part of said optical subassembly; and soldering said optical and image sensor assemblies
9 together using a solder material.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of forming a solderable surface
2 on at least one of said optical subassemblies or said image sensor subassemblies.

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